

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1798 - HB 1884

February 10, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013400): Requires any person who already possesses a private easement or right-of-way of less than 25 feet, who needs an additional amount of land in order to extend utility lines, to petition for such additional land. Any grant of such petition authorizes such petitioner to a total of 15 feet in counties with a metropolitan form of government and a total of 25 feet in all other areas.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-14-102, the maximum permissible width for an easement or right-of-way is 15 feet in counties with a metropolitan form of government and 25 feet in all other areas.
- The proposed legislation will allow any person with a current easement or right-of-way that are under the allowed maximum widths to petition for additional amounts of lands in order to extend utility lines, up to the currently allowed maximum widths.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Transportation, Right of Way and Utilities Division, this legislation is estimated to have no significant impact on state or local government. Any impact on the court system will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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